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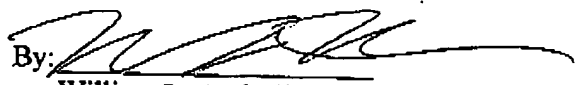
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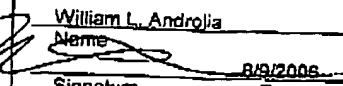
The above-identified patent application was filed on February 4, 2004 and in response to a first Status Inquiry, Applicant was informed by the USPTO that it will receive an Office Action in approximately three months from March 7, 2006. However, to date, no Office Action has been issued.

It is therefore respectfully requested that this matter be investigated and that the Patent Office advise the undersigned of the status as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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